

REMARKS

The Examiner objects to Figures 2 and 3 because they lack the legend —Prior Art—. Claims 1-15 are pending in the application prior to entering this amendment.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner indicates claims 1-7 allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner indicates allowable claims 9-10, and 13-14 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims and rewritten to overcome the rejections under § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner rejects claims 8, 11-12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim (U.S. 6,198,674).

The applicants amend claims 1, 4-6, 9, and 11-15 and cancel claim 8.

The application remains with claims 1-7 and 9-15 after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

Drawings

The applicants amend Figures 2 and 3 by adding the legend —Prior Art— as required by the Examiner. The applicants' amendment obviates the Examiner's objection.

Claim Rejections Under §112

The Examiner alleges the term “capable of” in claims 1-15 to be indefinite. While the applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's allegations, they have amended the claims to obviate the Examiner's rejections.

Claims Allowable

The applicants thank Examiner Callahan for indicating allowable claims 1-7, 9-10, and 13-14 if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The applicants amend claim 9 to include the limitations of independent claim 8.

The applicants rewrite claims 13 and 14 in independent form.

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 should be in condition for allowance.

Comments On Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance

The Examiner's statement of reasons of reasons for indication of allowable subject matter lists some, but not all, the reasons for allowance. For example, each dependent claim contains additional limitations that may define over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

The applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all claims as amended. The applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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